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Three face charges in violent death of Jeanenne Fontaine

CRIME

Tina's cousin was in wrong place at wrong time: Police



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Winnipeg

Three men are facing murder charges in the brutal killing of Jeanenne Fontaine.

The 29-year-old cousin of Tina Fontaine died after she was shot in the back of the head and had her Winnipeg home set on fire March 14.

The death of Jeanenne Fontaine's 15-year-old cousin, Tina, sparked calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

Police say they arrested three men — Christopher Brass, Malcolm Mitchell and Jason Meilleur — at the provincial remand centre Tuesday, almost two months after Jeanenne Fontaine was found at her Aberdeen Avenue home. She died days later, after she was taken

off life support.

Const. Jay Murray said police believe the suspects went to the home looking for a man over a methamphetamine deal, and Fontaine was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"She was not the intended victim in this matter," Murray said at a news conference Wednesday. "These individuals came to the house looking for someone else — I want to make that clear."

Mitchell, 24, is facing charges of second-degree murder, arson and disregard for human life, while 38-year-old Meilleur is facing charges of manslaughter.

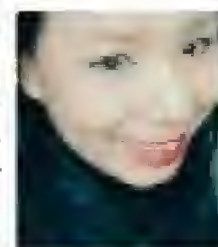
Brass, 34, is facing charges of manslaughter, arson and disregard for human life. All three men have been detained in custody.

On Tuesday, police also charged Brass with second-degree murder charges in a separate case.

Bryer James Prysiaziuk-Settee, 24, died of gunshot wounds on Feb. 8.

Police responded to the call at Powers Street and Aberdeen Avenue. Prysiaziuk-Settee was sent to hospital in critical condition, where he was pronounced dead.

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Jeanenne Fontaine
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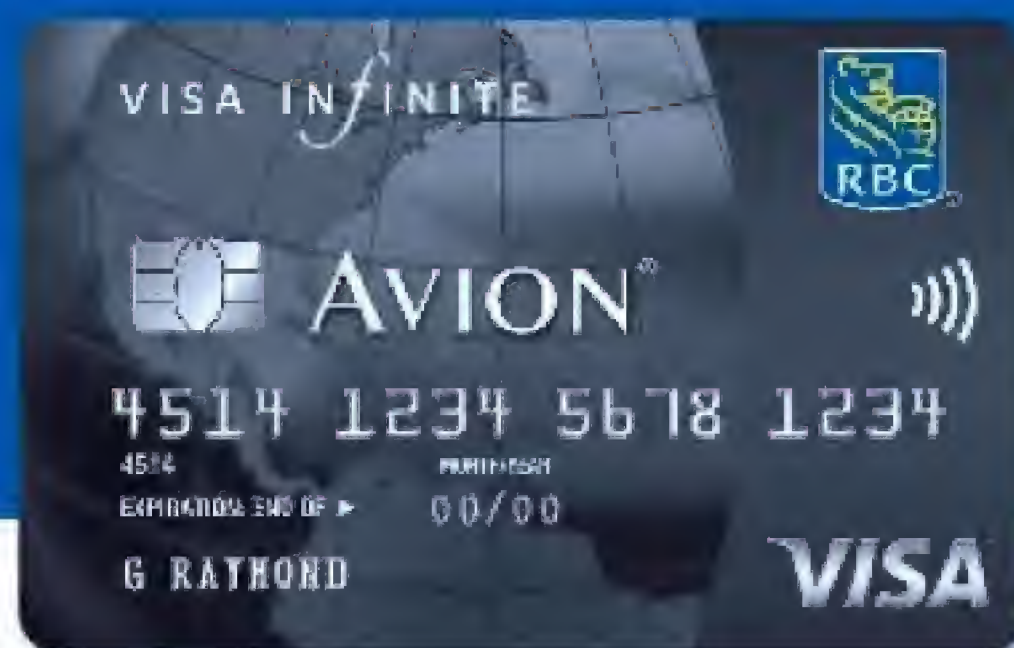


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City closing in on fair trade label

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Coffee habits may change at municipal sites



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg is one step closer to becoming a fair trade city.

On Wednesday, council's executive policy committee (EPC) signalled its support for an application the Fair Trade Winnipeg steering committee plans to make.

The city needs to walk the walk by changing its coffee and

tea suppliers to be 100 per cent fair trade, identifying future goals for sourcing fair trade products, assign a council or staff member a role on the steering committee, and publish Fair Trade info on the city website.

City staff delivered a report Wednesday that looked at the feasibility of each requirement and compared the cost of fair trade and non-certified coffee.

On the cost front, the report concluded, "there are no significant financial implications of Winnipeg becoming a fair trade town."

Mayor Brian Bowman said the green light is still council's to give, but an amendment made to the motion for endorse-

ment Wednesday asked staff to specifically highlight the negligible cost difference before council.

"It was confirming, adding clarity to the report, confirming that it would be cost neutral," Bowman said. "It was just making sure that it's not going to cost taxpayers more to do this."

If council approves the policy to serve exclusively fair-trade coffee, tea and sugar at municipal properties, and the application is subsequently approved, Winnipeg would be the 23rd jurisdiction in Canada to gain the fair trade designation, following Gimli and Brandon, which went fair trade in 2009 and 2014, respectively.

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BYLAWS

Future of smoking on patios is now up in air

Winnipeg was one of the first cities to hang a no smoking sign in all restaurants back in 2003, but is soon to be the very last to butt-out patio smoking.

Coun. John Orlikow is among a few city councillors interested in extending smoking bans to patios, prompted in part by civic leaders in Regina contemplating the same action.

Pending approval later this month, Regina's updated by-law would come into effect July 15, leaving Winnipeg as the last major jurisdiction to

make the change.

Orlikow said sometimes Winnipeg leads the way, and other times has to look to its neighbours and say, "OK,



We should definitely be talking about it.

Coun. John Orlikow

you're doing that, so maybe we've got to look at that too now." On this topic, he thinks the city "may need to catch up."

"We should definitely be talking about it," Orlikow said, adding "there's no question" about the health detriments of smoking.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



Smokers may have to butt out on city patios. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

INFRASTRUCTURE

Public works boss dismissed from role

As the city starts digging into road construction season, the department carrying out the work has lost its director.

On Wednesday, Chief Administrative Officer Doug McNeil told reporters that former public works boss Lester Deane "is no longer working for the City of Winnipeg."

McNeil offered few specific details on the reasons Deane's tenure came to an end, but summarized it by saying "he just didn't meet my expectations."

"I can't get into all the details, there are a lot of factors that enter into this," McNeil said. "It was not an easy decision to remove (Deane) from the director of public works, I can tell you that, but

I want to improve things as we go forward ..."

Deane, who had worked for the department since 2003 before being promoted to director in January 2016, publicly disagreed with Mayor Brian Bowman and council on several high-profile files, including the opening of Portage and Main.

McNeil wouldn't say that friction had any bearing on Deane's departure, adding only that city staff in "the higher-level positions need to have political acumen."

Deane's interim replacement is the city's manager of streets maintenance, Jim Berezowsky.

McNeil said a new director will be hired "as soon as possible."

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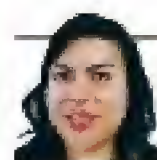


Wynne DeGagné identifies as non-binary. They co-founded Kenora Pride and its local youth group, SPACE. CONTRIBUTED

'More complicated than labels': Advocate

LGBTQ

**Wynne DeGagné
co-founded
Kenora Pride to
support youth**



Jessica
Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Wynne DeGagné has lived on both sides of the binary and realized neither felt right.

The 27-year-old identifies as non-binary and uses the singular pronouns they and their. Explaining they aren't male or female posits a new challenge for the paramedic and youth group leader, who previously came out as transgender.

"I feel like transgender is that umbrella term that I've always tried to kind of use so people understand, but I don't know. I think it's just way more complicated than labels," DeGagné said.

"Every time you meet somebody new, it's a different kind of coming out as a non-binary person versus somebody who's queer or gay or lesbian," they said.

"I think (coming out) is like a worry and it's also a moment of feeling empowered at the same time, depending on the situation."

Working with LGBTQ youth in Kenora has helped DeGagné feel empowered.

They started the group SPACE two years ago, offering teens in northwest Ontario a bevy of workshops and opportunities to socialize and swap stories.

SPACE was recently granted \$210,000 from the Youth Opportunities Fund at the Ontario Trillium Foundation to keep up its good work.

DeGagné co-founded Kenora Pride in 2015 after the youth group said they were craving a hometown celebration like Pride Winnipeg, which they carpool to regularly.

This year's Kenora Pride will be June 23-25.

"When you work with youth, you realize a lot of things about yourself. You realize where you were in that position and where you are now and how you've grown as a person," DeGagné said.

"I feel like my perception of gender is changing and I feel more confident, I think, in the body that I have."

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Wynne DeGagné

What's your favourite Pride moment? At the very first Pride Kenora, we had a barbecue at Anicinabe Park and I remember feeling super stressed out obviously, because you really want a good turnout ... There was this moment where I was really, really stressed out during the barbecue and I looked out onto this little hill where the grass was so green. There was this tiny child, like three years old, and they were just like booking it down the hill. They had this giant Pride flag tied around their neck like a cape, and they had their arms out ... It was just the most pure moment I've ever seen. I loved it.

Why was Pride important 30 years ago? Obviously I'm not 30 years old and it's hard

to really understand what it would have been like 30 years ago. I think Pride was important 30 years ago because, like with any movement, you need numbers and masses. I think that's exactly what Pride did. It showed that we're here ... I also think that it was important 30 years ago to pave the way for right now and just like, props to them — all the pioneers and all the people that really put their neck out to stand up and really fight for our rights.

Why is Pride important today? Not everybody benefits equally from Pride. Not everybody that's part of the LGBTQ community all have the same rights, which is really unfortunate. And I think that's why Pride is important today, because we're still fighting for those equal rights. I think on an individual level, it's also still important that people get to exist as they are. I think it shows the strength of the human heart and the strength of togetherness — like how much you can really accomplish when you very much love openly, think about other people and be inclusive.

Point Douglas ✓ Votes

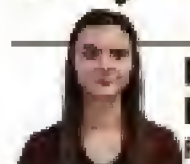


Progressive Conservative candidate **Jodi Moskal**. CONTRIBUTED

‘We need to shine a light’

POLITICS

Jodi Moskal says riding needs a strong Tory voice



Keila DePape
For Metro | Winnipeg

After 20 years as a journeyman electrician, Jodi Moskal is starting a new journey as the PC candidate in the Point Douglas byelection.

If elected June 13, Moskal said her top priorities include fostering opportunities for social enterprise, creating safe streets, and tackling property crime.

Helping to create a 24/7 women's support centre in Point Douglas is one way Moskal intends to "make the neighbourhood safer."

"My number one priority is to listen and learn and take what I hear to the table," said Moskal.

There are currently 40 Progressive Conservatives, 12 New Democrats, three Liberals, one independent and one vacant seat in the Manitoba legislature.

In the last provincial election, the PCs held 16 per cent of the Point Douglas vote, but Moskal believes people are ready for a change.

"I feel confident. I've heard

PROFILE

Three fun facts about PC candidate Jodi Moskal

■ Her top hidden gem in Point Douglas: **The Point Douglas Cottonwood**, Manitoba's largest tree

■ Her favourite restaurant in Winnipeg: **The Mitchell Block**

■ Her favourite TV show: **Downton Abbey**

from people at the doors — what they have hasn't been working. They haven't been heard," said Moskal. "We need to shine a light on Point Douglas."

"We have a PC government now, and we need a strong voice."

Moskal founded an electrical company with her husband in 1998 and said over the years she's acted as a mentor for young people entering the trades.

A "strong voice" for women in technical trades, Moskal also sits on the Winnipeg Construction Association's board of directors.

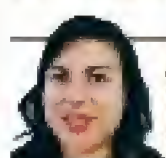
In terms of Point Douglas' assets, "I could go on forever," said Moskal. "The history, beautiful walkway, parks, family businesses, and tons of community spirit," are some of the candidate's favourites.

that promote plans to close emergency rooms at some hospitals in the city. The NDP has filed a complaint with the elections commissioner that says the ads should have been pulled last Friday when Premier Brian Pallister called a byelection for June 13 in the Point Douglas constituency in Winnipeg.

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IMMIGRATION

Student fundraising for Syrians in refugee camps



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Having ventured through one of their refugee camps himself, Sinan Aboud is determined to help Syrians who are stuck in Jordan after fleeing their war-torn country.

Aboud, 34, studies biology and human rights at the University of Winnipeg. When his former professor (turned senator) Marilou

McPhedran encouraged students to explore human rights issues outside their own backyards, he took the idea seriously.

He travelled to Jordan in 2015 and explored a refugee camp brimming with 180,000 people.

Two years later, the "depressing" sights linger in his brain. He wants to head back to Jordan at the end of the month with money in hand to give refugees.

Hence why he's organizing Dine for the Syrian Refugees at the University of Winnipeg

on May 24.

The Folklorama-style experience will feature authentic food and drink, and ambassadors describing the culture and history of Syria. General admission is \$75 (students pay \$50) and tickets are available by emailing dineforthesyrianrefugees@gmail.com.

"You get to know Syria beyond the media that you've been exposed to. It's a country that has a culture, dress, accent, history (that go) way back," Aboud said. "And it's beyond the bombs, it's

beyond the Arab Spring, it's beyond everything you know."

Aboud, a former refugee from Iraq, arrived in Winnipeg in 2002.

Aboud helped Rasha Kossad, a Palestinian refugee who arrived from Libya two years ago. Now she's looking to pay it forward at Wednesday's dinner.

"It's special for me as a refugee. When I came here I didn't know anyone and it was completely a new culture for me and a new place," she said. "It's really about helping each other."

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NDP: Health ads during byelection violated ban
Manitoba's Opposition New Democrats say the Progressive Conservatives broke a law that bans government advertising during byelections. The NDP is upset over newspaper and television ads in recent days — taken out by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority —

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Campaign strives to prop Indigenous writers

EQUALITY

'Most positive outcome' from appropriation controversy



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

When he co-founded the Red Rising Magazine, community organizer and Indigenous journalist Lenard Monkman wanted to offer a platform for an accurate reflection of the First Nations communities.

"For far too long our voices have been misappropriated, and our stories have been told from a deficit point of view," he said. "We have a beautiful culture and beautiful ceremonies but all you hear is negative stuff in the media."

An effort currently underway in Toronto to create a literary award recognizing Indigenous voices sounded like



Lenard Monkman said the award would encourage more young Indigenous writers to come forward. Contributed

music to his ears.

Lawyer Robin Parker launched an online fundraising campaign this week with the goal of supporting upcoming Indigenous writers. It was partly a response to the ongoing debate over cultural appropriation — which was sparked by an editorial in Write magazine that advocated for the creation of the "appropriation prize."

In just over two days, Parker's campaign has raised over \$30,000, beyond her initial goal of \$10,000. She says she's

reaching out to Indigenous organizations across the country so they can be the ones who manage the award.

STEPPING DOWN

In wake of "Appropriation Prize" controversy, Canadian media editors have resigned or been reassigned, including Write's Hal Niedzviecki, Walrus' Jonathan Kay and CBC The National's Steve Ladurantaye.

reaching out to Indigenous organizations across the country so they can be the ones who manage the award.

"That would be extremely important in encouraging young Indigenous writers to continue to tell our own stories," said Monkman, who will moderate a panel discussion on Indigenous Voices Rising next month at the Toronto Reference Library.

Journalists for Human Rights executive director Rachel Pulfer called the award initiative the "most positive outcome" from the appropriation controversy.

POLITICS

Former FBI boss to lead investigation

Besieged from all sides, the Trump administration has appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to oversee the federal investigation into allegations Russia and Donald Trump's campaign collaborated to influence the 2016 presidential election.

The appointment came as Democrats insisted ever more loudly that someone outside Trump's Justice Department must handle the politically charged investigation. An increasing number of Republicans, too, have joined in calling for Congress to dig deeper, especially after Trump fired FBI director James Comey who had been leading the bureau's probe.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump complained in a commencement address that "no politician in history" has been treated worse by his foes, even as exasperated fellow Republicans slowly joined the clamour for a significant investigation into whether he tried to quash the FBI's probe.

Three congressional committees, all led by Republicans, confirmed they wanted to hear from Comey, whose notes about a February meeting with the president

MARKETS

The growing political drama in Washington rattled Wall Street Wednesday, knocking the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 370 points and giving the stock market its biggest single-day slump in eight months.

indicate Trump urged him to drop the bureau's investigation of fired national security adviser Michael Flynn. Congressional investigators are seeking Comey's memos, as well as documents from the Justice Department related to the firing.

Republicans, frustrated by the president's relentless parade of problems, largely sought to cool the heated climate with assurances they would get to the bottom of scandals.

Unimpressed, Rep. Elijah Cummings, top Democrat on a key House oversight panel, said, "Speaker Ryan has shown he has zero, zero, zero appetite for any investigation of Donald Trump."

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He doesn't need the province to take the party leadership. But the niqab episode of the 2015 election could cause worries that a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature is a recipe for disaster.

A betting person might wager that Jagmeet Singh — unless he stumbles badly and quickly out of the gate — could soon be the candidate to beat in the battle for Thomas Mulcair's succession. With solid roots in the Ontario NDP — whose deputy leader he was until this week — and in multicultural Canada, Singh has the elements of a potential leadership juggernaut at his disposal.

The Sikh community is one of the most politically engaged in the country and Ontario offers the largest provincial pool of potential NDP supporters.

Singh has no federal experience but that did not prevent Alexa McDonough who had spent all her years in the Nova Scotia arena before moving on to Parliament Hill and Jack Layton who cut his teeth at Toronto City Hall from winning the leadership.

On a week when France has sworn in a 39-year-old president, it is hard to make a case that Singh, 38, is too young for the job of third party leader in the House of Commons.

He does not have much of a profile outside of Ontario and NDP circles. But then none of the four MPs who are already in the running is a national household name either. On that score, suffice it to say that there may have been more words written about Singh's leadership prospects before and since his entry in the NDP race than the sum of the characters expanded on all the other candidates.

As opposed to the Liberals and the Conservatives, the New Democrats do not weight their leadership votes on a riding-per-riding basis. Under the party's winner-take-all one-member-one-vote formula, it is easier to secure the leadership with little or no support from some regions, especially if one enjoys a lot of backing in Ontario and British Columbia. Those two provinces have tended to tower above the others on the NDP membership rolls.

This is a roundabout way to say that Singh would not need to win Quebec or even to do particularly well in that

province to score a decisive leadership victory next fall. In the last election, the party was routed in Ontario and wiped off the map of Atlantic Canada. In the circumstances, more than a few New Democrats might rank recouping the lost ground in those regions above other considerations.

With two leaders from Quebec — Justin Trudeau and the Bloc Québécois' Martine Ouellet — and possibly a third if Maxime Bernier wins the Conservative vote, competition among native sons and daughters will be fierce in 2019. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will not have as large a footprint in Quebec. The party will have an uphill battle on its hands in the province under any leadership scenario.

Still, it took half-a-century for the NDP to establish a presence in Quebec. No one wants to see Jack Layton's parting gift to his party squandered.

All of which has many New Democrats — starting with the party's 16 Quebec MPs — quietly wondering how

Quebec, given its strong pro-secular bent, would take to a turban-wearing Sikh NDP leader. It was not so long ago that the Parti Québécois was campaigning on a promise to impose a secular dress code on all public servants.

Based on the niqab episode of the 2015 election, there are those who would readily answer that going into the 2019 campaign in Quebec under a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature could be a recipe for disaster.

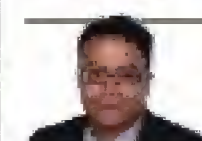
But that may amount to selling Quebecers short. Yes, the NDP took a hit in Quebec over the niqab issue but it was the scores of lapsed Liberal supporters who returned home that really pulled the rug from under Mulcair. Trudeau almost tripled the party's vote — mostly at the expense of New Democrats. Quebec's secularism debate has so far been a family discussion that has for the most part involved politicians who do not actually belong to a visible religious minority.

Singh's French would put to shame some of the former Conservative ministers who have spent the past year calling on their party to overlook their glaring deficiencies in the other official language.

No one should presume that an NDP leader who can otherwise connect in French with Quebecers would automatically lose the party's audience in the province on grounds of religious diversity.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer.

The Trump train is about to crash. Jump off now.



Vinay Menon
Torstar News Service

There are many mysteries in the universe: The statues on Easter Island. The Unicorn Frappuccino. But the biggest mystery of all is how anyone with a working brain can still cheer for Donald Trump.

On Tuesday evening, as the words "obstruction of justice" and "impeachment" shot into the Washington air like firecrackers, Jeffrey Lord reprised his role as the president's chief toady on CNN to inform viewers: "We are once again in high-tech lynching mode."

There was a glint of forlorn defeat in his eyes, like a man who keeps trying to convince his adult children the tooth fairy is real. Lord decided to board the Make America Great Again Express a long time ago. Now that it has derailed, he's trapped inside the wreckage, blaming everyone except the conductor. And he's not alone.

At the midway point of Trump's worst week in office — and that's saying something — his travelling band of surrogates, liars, bootlickers, enablers, brown-nosers and excuse-makers are in quite a bind.

They can cling to fantasy or reality. Fantasy: Trump is a victim of anything other than gross incompetence. Reality: Trump is on the verge of implosion and they are destined to become collateral damage.

Instead of defending the indefensible, Lord might give some thought to escaping. What he can't do is expect

things to get better. They are only going to get worse.

What more can Trump do to make this clear? Twist off the heads of live kittens on national television? Invade Canada?

This week we learned Trump handles highly sensitive classified information the way a grade-schooler treats a cooties secret. We learned he asked the FBI to stop investigating his inner circle.

We learned what we already knew: Trump is so unfit for public office, so incapable of not shooting himself in the foot while wearing his socks on his ears, the world would be better off if the Oval Office were occupied by a Talking Elmo glued atop a Roomba. There'd be much less danger and the floors would be clean.

It's one thing for Fox News, a longtime outpost for Republican talking points, to ignore, deflect or downplay the latest bombshells. Fox is the equivalent of North Korean state media. Any network that employs Lou Dobbs, Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity — the axis of doofus — is not a network that is serious about reality.

But that still leaves a startling number of presumably decent people like Lord who have nothing to gain and everything to lose by continuing to shelter Trump from a crap storm of the president's making.

This week, Trump proved the Never Trumpers were always right. So the Trumpers Forever now have a choice: escape the mangled wreckage or perish inside.

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Smith comes to Netflix defence

CANNES
Palme d'Or jury is split on the merits of online films

The war of big vs. small movie screens at the Cannes Film Festival heated up Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Pedro Almodovar declared that prizes shouldn't be given to online-only films.

"I personally would not conceive not only the Palme d'Or but any other prize being given to a film and then not being able to see this film on the large

screen," the veteran Spanish filmmaker told an international press audience on the festival's opening day.

Calling it "the debate of this year," Almodovar was clearly referring to the two Netflix films among the 19 competing for the Palme: Bong Joon-ho's sci-fi fantasy *Okja*, starring Tilda Swinton and Jake Gyllenhaal; and Noah Baumbach's *The Meyerowitz Stories*, a dysfunctional-family drama starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller.

Online giant Netflix has caused a furor in Cannes for refusing to commit to a traditional theatrical release in France of the two films prior to online distri-

bution. Cannes has fought back by saying Netflix, which is in the Palme competition for the first time this year, won't be allowed into the 2018 festival unless it changes its policy.

Almodovar obviously sides with the festival, but his statement, read out in Spanish, English and French, was highly unusual given his leading role on the nine-member jury. The other jurors are Hollywood actors Will Smith and Jessica Chastain, German writer/director Maren Ade (*Toni Erdmann*); Chinese actress Fan Bingbing (*X-Men: Days of Future Past*); French actress/singer/filmmaker Agnès Jaoui (*The Taste of Others*); South Korean writer/director Park Chan-wook (*Old-*



Jury president Pedro Almodovar (left) with jury members Jessica Chastain and Will Smith. AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT

boy); Italian writer/director Paolo Sorrentino (*The Great Beauty*); and French-Lebanese composer Gabriel Yared (Xavier Dolan's *It's Only the End of the World*).

Normally, the jurors and their president go out of their way at the start of Cannes to declare their impartiality regarding the films they will be viewing and judging over the 12-day festival.

Almodovar's attack on Netflix caused some discomfort for ac-

tor Smith, sitting near him. His new film *Bright*, a fantasy cop thriller co-starring Noomi Rapace, is scheduled for a Netflix-only release in December.

Smith rose to the defence of Netflix, saying he uses the service at home and his family also enjoy regular visits to movie theatres.

"I have a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old and a 24-year-old at home. They go to the movies twice a week, and they watch

Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix."

Netflix allows Smith's children to "watch films they otherwise wouldn't have seen. It has broadened my children's global cinematic comprehension."

Smith was an unusual pick for the Cannes jury, given his career as one of the world's biggest stars, which normally lands him in blockbusters like *Men in Black*, *Bad Boys* and *Suicide Squad* rather than artier fare.

He joked about how he's excited about being on the Cannes jury, and he intends to watch closely and learn from the experience.

Smith admitted, though, to being shocked when his agent told him he'd have to watch three films per day for the better part of two weeks, with screenings beginning as early as 8:30 a.m. each day.

"I was probably 14 years old the last time I watched three movies in a day," he said.

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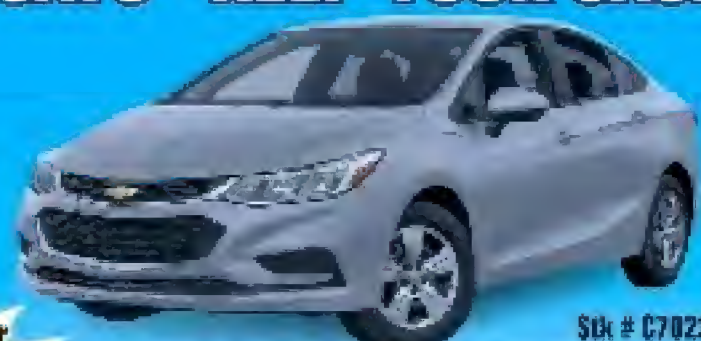


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Creepy goalie masks a part of hockey history

Sean Plummer

There is no evidence to suggest that Jason Voorhees was employed as a Canadian goalie prior to his death by drowning in the original Friday the 13th (1980) film.

Indeed, the infamous supernatural serial killer from Camp Crystal Lake only took up his scary goalie mask in 1982's Friday the 13th Part II (before then, a burlap sack hid his deformed features).

But Jason was not the first scary guy to don frightening facial apparel. Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante was eager to avoid another broken nose when he took to the ice on November 1, 1959. To that end, he wore a crude fibreglass mask whose blank features made him look like an early Hannibal Lecter.

Similarly, St. Catharines, ON-bred Boston Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers used to adorn his mask with stitches, while Edmonton native Gary "Bones" Bromley rocked a skull-style goalie mask during his tenure with the Vancouver Canucks back in 1981.

More recently, in 2007, Vancouver Canuck Curtis Sanford adorned his helmet with a Saruman-like image, made all the more strange for its red eyes and curved fangs.



Boston Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers used to cover his mask in stitches. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

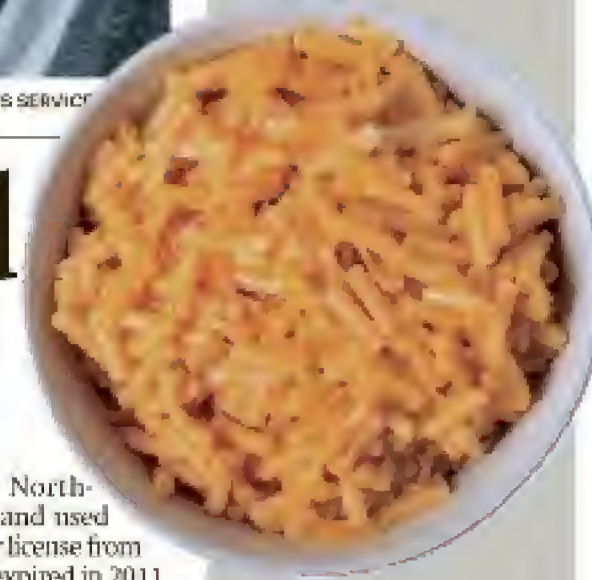
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Canadian love for macaroni and cheese — a.k.a. mac 'n' cheese — did not begin with the '90s-era Barenaked Ladies song "If I Had \$1000000."

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A new beginning for newcomers

Financial program helps new Canadians build their future

For immigrants, foreign workers and international students new to Canada, one of the first priorities is getting on a firm financial footing.

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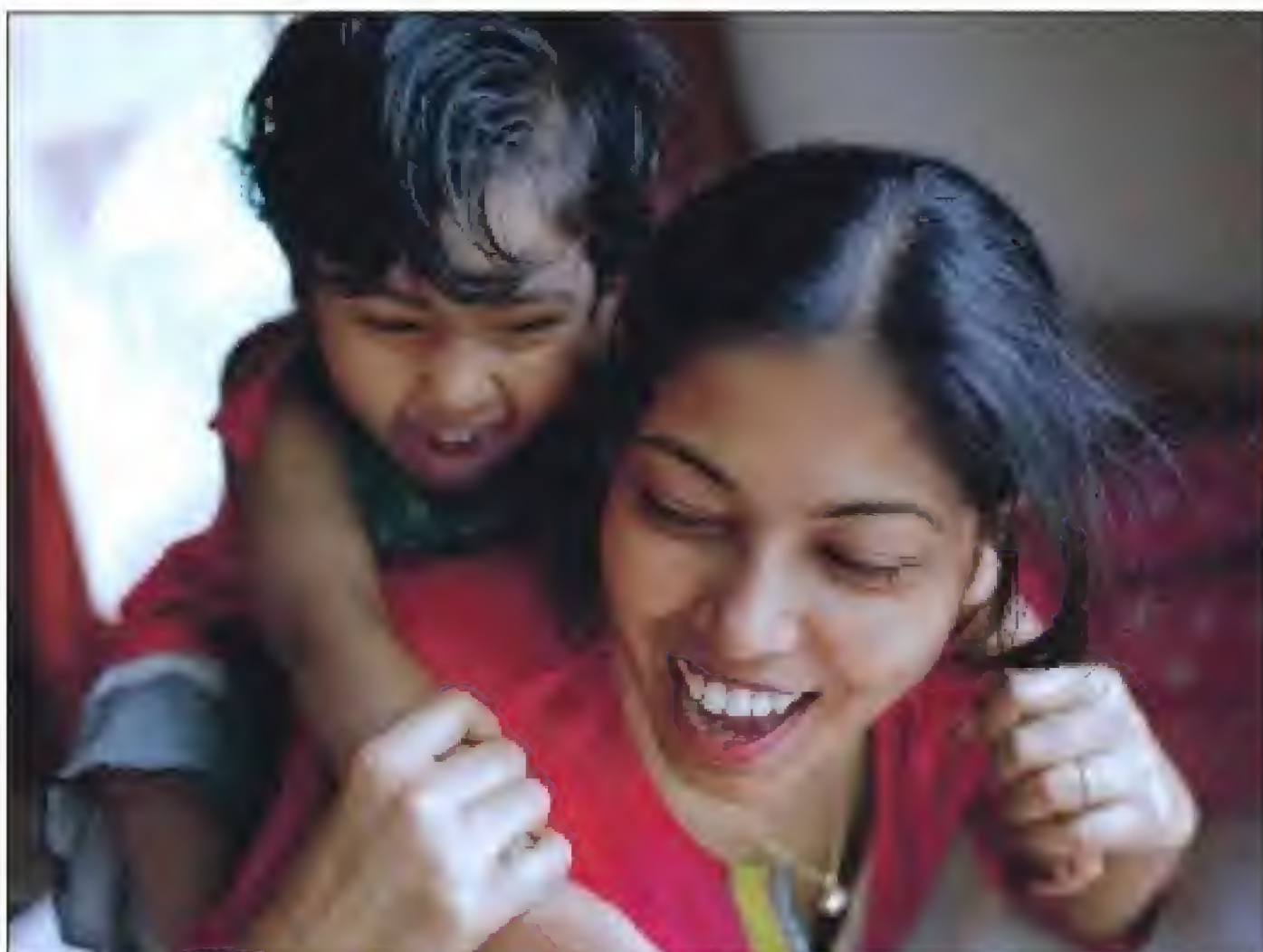
While every immigrant success story is unique, there are a few common factors



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when it comes to feeling financially settled in a new country. Intangible benefits, such as being able to speak to an advisor in your own language, can go a long way toward making newcomers feel comfortable in their adopted home. And because the StartRight program has been actively working with immigrant, foreign worker and international student communities for almost a decade, its advisors have a lot of experience serving newcomers and their unique needs.

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Potted gardens growing faster than highrise condos

It isn't just condo-dwelling balcony gardeners who are planting up virtually everything that will hold soil. Patios, decks, front doors and walkways can also be enhanced with containers full of colour and food plants.

So what are the secrets to growing plants successfully in containers? Metro lets you in on them:

1 Get the right container

Whatever you pick to plant in, make sure it has adequate drainage. Water should move through the soil and out the hole in the bottom of the container efficiently, so your plants don't rot.

Where containers are concerned, the greater the soil



The container gardener

mass, the better the performance of the plants. Steer clear of the tempting 10-inch hanging baskets. Large hangers — at least 14 inches in diameter — are so much better.

Potting up geraniums in your uncle's old boots might be cute, but his feet are not big enough to create a cavity for soil to sustain plant life very well. A half-barrel-sized container is better.

2 Find the perfect location

If your container is in full sun, plant sun-loving plants in it. This is more important in containers than the garden, as the strength of the sun intensifies "off the ground."

Look for dwarf zinnias, asparagus fern, petunias, million bells, scabiosa, lobelia and the list goes on.

On the other hand, perennial hosta makes a great containerized plant in the shade or partial shade. And with a little care, it will come back each year. As will many other perennials.

3 Choose quality soil

Remove last year's soil from your containers and spread it in your garden, where earthworms will pull it down and incorporate it into the rest of the soil. If you live in a condo, ask management if you can put it in the condo garden.

Don't leave it in the container two years in a row. That soil is tired; the nutrients in it are used up, but it is fine to spread over an established garden.

When looking for container mix, buy quality: you really get what you pay for. Choose a brand you trust. Quality soil drains well, is full of nutrients that help boost plant life throughout the growing season, and some mixes feature water-retaining abilities that reduce the frequency of water applications.

4 Water with rain water

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5 Fertilize

There are many options where "plant food" is concerned. The bottom line is that containerized plants demand more nutrients than "garden bound" plants, as their roots are limited by the walls of the container and the volume of soil at their roots.

You can often tell if a plant is hungry, especially late in the season when nutrients have been used up. Yellowing leaves, poorly performing flowers and a look of general malaise takes over a hungry plant. There are many fertilizers on the market, some synthetic and others natural, including a new organic that lasts all season long called ProMix Multi-Purpose Garden Fertilizer.

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"This team is a lot of fun to be around this year": GM Danny Ainge whose Celtics won the NBA lottery Tuesday on the eve of the NBA East finals



Andrew Harris and his daughter Hazel spend some time at the park.

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CFL

Bombers' RB relishes chance to be a full-time dad

Little girls often don't like to share daddy-daughter time, but that's not the case when Andrew Harris is out with nine-year-old Hazel.

When fans come up to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers running back to say hello or get his autograph, his daughter gets a kick out of the attention.

"She enjoys it. She thinks I'm the biggest star in the world, which is amazing," Harris said recently with a chuckle.

"It's a great feeling to have your daughter look up to you

like that and know you've done something in your life."

Harris is at a good place in his professional and personal life. For the first time in a decade, he got to spend a full year in his hometown after signing as a free agent with the Bombers last year.

What the running back has appreciated the most is more time with Hazel, whom he co-parents with his former girlfriend.

"My daughter has definitely been the biggest influence on where I'm at today and who I am today," said Harris, who's getting ready to report for training camp on May 26.

"I don't know where I would be or if I would have even made it if I didn't have her in my life at such a young age."

Harris, 30, left Winnipeg after high school to play for the Vancouver Island Raiders of the Canadian Junior Football League.

Hazel was born in 2008 and the young family lived in Nanaimo while Harris played football and worked. The couple split up the following year and Hazel and her mom moved back to

Winnipeg.

Harris started his CFL career with the B.C. Lions in 2010 always returning to Winnipeg in the off-season to be with Hazel.

That desire to be a supportive parent was influenced by his upbringing. His father wasn't part of his life growing up and he and his mother sometimes struggled financially. It was one of the reasons he gave up playing hockey and focused on football.

But things didn't always go smoothly off the gridiron.

Harris said he excelled on the field, but off of it he began hanging out with the wrong crowd, skipping classes and partying too much.

Football coach Stu Nixon encouraged him to transfer to Oak Park for his senior high school year and had a positive influence on his footwork and schoolwork.

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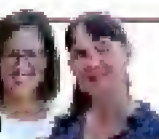
MAKE IT TONIGHT

Hearty Panzanella Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



1/2 Tbsp dijon mustard
• salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Toss the first seven ingredients in your salad bowl first so that everything is evenly distributed.
2. Whisk together the last four ingredients in a small bowl until they are well combine.
3. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up. Keep adding the dressing and tossing and tasting. You want to the bread to be moist and soften but not drowned by the dressing.

This hearty salad is delicious on its own, but feel free to make it into a more complete meal by topping it with chopped rotisserie chicken.

Ready in 15 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 cups of slightly stale crusty bread, like baguette
- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives
- 1/2 cup or so of shaved parmesan
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 red wine vinegar

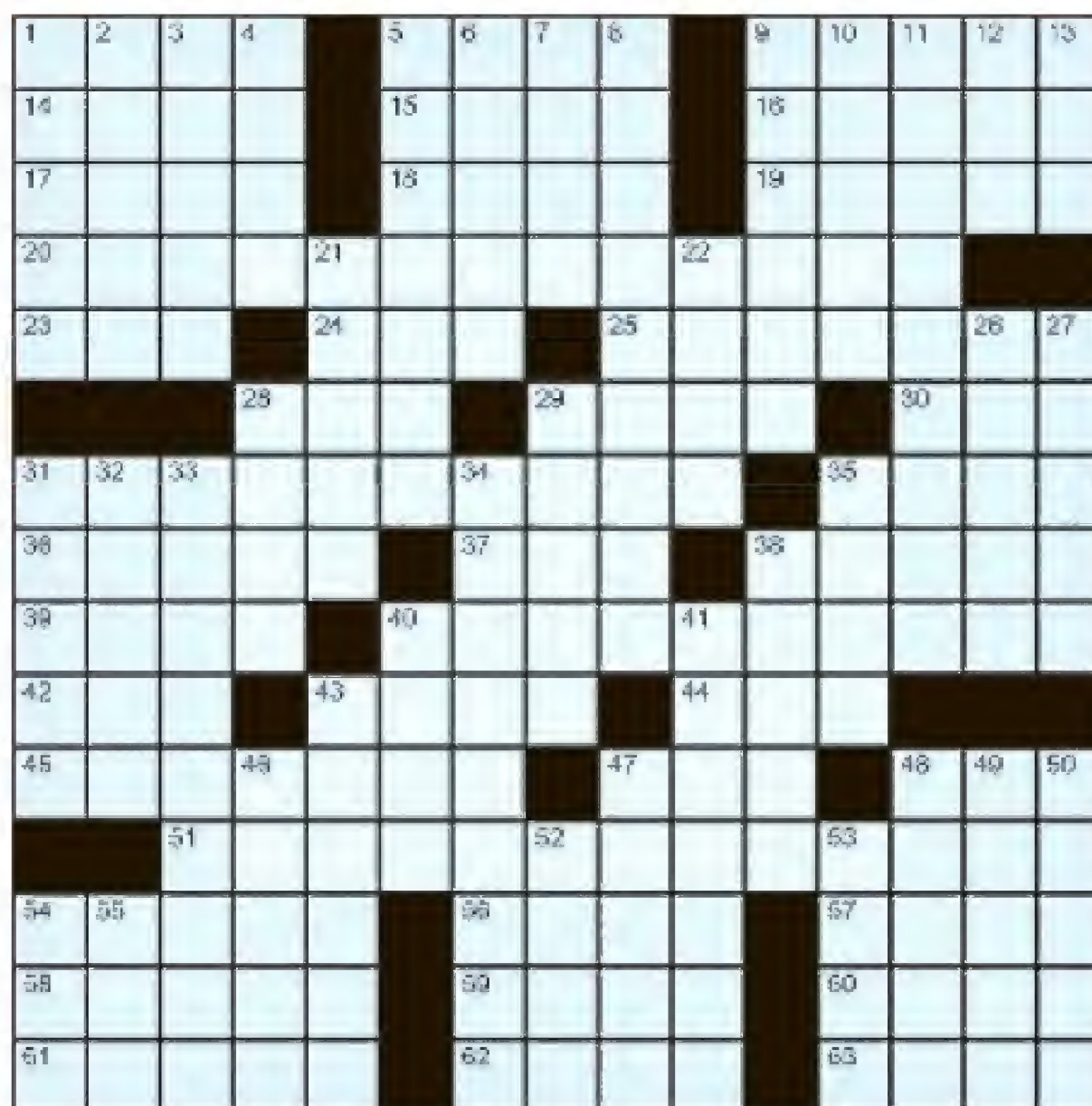
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ACROSS

1. Bird's crop
5. Shania Twain trophy, e.g.
9. Leg bone
14. Toy building block
15. Repenter
16. Stop!, in sailing
17. Finito
18. Env. info
19. Ceremonies
20. Ontario: ___ Corners (Uniquely-named hamlet in Wilmot Township which is in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo)
23. Arrange
24. The Honourable Dr. Vivienne __, retired Canadian Senator
25. Garden chore
28. Mr. Wheaton
29. Love letter's envelope letters
30. "Golly,"
31. Container for Canadian dairy brand Sealtest: 2 wds.
35. ___ upswing
36. Mr. Sharif's
37. War on Poverty agcy.
38. Shipping container
39. "It's my turn." 2 wds.
40. Where to find deals on pre-owned vehicles: 2 wds.
42. Cleaning cloth
43. Baking meas.
44. Bean and Cool J
45. One sticking to the rules
47. Movies composer Francis
48. Air travel over-



- seer [acronym]
51. They cascade across the way in New York from Canada at Niagara: 2 wds.
54. "Like a Rolling Stone" ___ Dylan
56. Phyllis Diller's husband's name from her stand-up act

57. See
58. Actor Nick
59. Lake, in Italy
60. Horse part
61. Once ___ (Every seven days)
62. Vigour [abbr.]
63. Goulash

DOWN

1. Horseshoes-on-cobblestones noises
2. Variety show
3. Insurance __
4. Employment
5. Crayons creator
6. Jim of Blue Rodeo
7. Beatles' "Love
8. Vulcan County village in Alberta that's south-east of Calgary
9. Herb __ (TV character who wore loud suits)
10. Foliaged, as stone walls
11. Gotham City Police

- Department searchlight to summon The Dark Knight
12. 'Expert' suffix
13. Cadillac ___ Sedan
21. Sagas
22. Mr. Cain
26. "Swell!"
27. Jean __ (The Balcony dramatist)
28. Cincinnati radio station for #9-Down
29. Heighty, as a hill
31. Ms. Shearer of "The Red Shoes" (1948)
32. Fuming one's statement: 2 wds.
33. Funny
34. Complained-about Canadian-manufactured infantry firearm of WWI: 2 wds.
35. Bruins legend Bobby's
38. San Diego's i! state
40. Taxi alternative service
41. Loud noisiness, States-style
43. "Jeopardy!" host Alex
46. Theatrically overact
47. Actress, Jessica __
48. Parade route display
49. Solo
50. Awry
52. James of "Misery" (1990)
53. Donations
54. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
55. "Ouch!"

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be prepared to act on an unexpected opportunity in publishing, the media, medicine, the law or anything to do with training and higher education. You will have to act quickly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see new and innovative ways to approach an inheritance or shared property. Be open. The rigid tree is the first to snap in a storm.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Difficulties in partnerships and close friendships suddenly might reveal a solution or a way to feel more free. Whatever presents itself will have a brief window of opportunity.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
New ideas that are imaginative and original might help you at work. Similarly, new ideas also might give you a boost to your health. Keep an open mind (but not so open that everything falls out).

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A new approach to working with children might arise now. Whatever happens will be a welcome change.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might see new ways to make improvements where you live. You might even decide to move to a new place. It's possible that family news will surprise you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A surprise opportunity to change jobs or residences might fall in your lap. If so, be ready to act quickly, because the window of opportunity is brief.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might see improved and innovative ideas about how to earn money. You might improve your current job or get a better job — who knows?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are pumped with enthusiasm because you see a way to make a breakthrough in a new area that you are exploring. Something definitely will expand your world, and it's exciting!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
After giving up so much for others, you are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Something ahead looks promising!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
New friends and contacts with groups and organizations might change your world. You will expand it in a way that makes you feel more in touch with how things are done.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Surprise opportunities that can help you in your career are now at hand. Don't hesitate to take them. (You might not get a second chance.)

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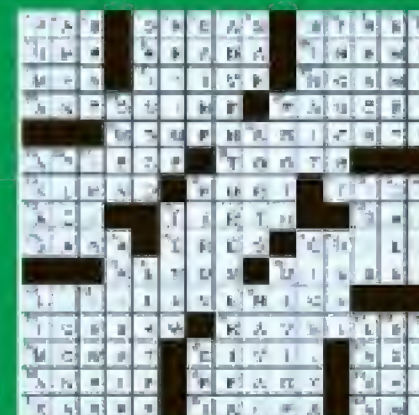
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